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## SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION FOR REISSUE PATENT APPLICATION

I hereby declare that my residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe that I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is described and claimed in patent number 5,906,407, granted May 25, 1999 and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled TONNEAU COVER TENSION ADJUSTER APPARATUS the specification of which was filed on May 25, 2001 as reissue application number 09/866,138 and was last amended on September 7, 2007.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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